Corruption in ESI Hospital, Ghaziabad

4601. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that corruption is prevailing in the Employees State Insurance Scheme Hospital, Modinagar, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any representation from the beneficiaries in March, 2002 in this regard;

(c) if so, what action has been taken to get the sorry state of affairs of the above ESI Hospital enquired into and to improve the situation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A complaint was received from Shri Dinesh, Insured person resident of Modinagar regarding non-reimbursement of medical claim which was investigated by the State Government. The charges levelled in the complaint were not proved during the inquiry.

Inspection in EPF organisation

4602. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inspections are restrained in the EPF organisation and as a result thereof the number of new coverage has been decreased and the number of defaulters have been increased in alarming manner;

(b) the break up of the new coverages and the number of defaulters for the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government would consider for conducting periodical inspections to decrease and discourage the number of defaulters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) A newly developed software 'Compliance Control Tracking System (CCTS)' has been launched by EPFO for detecting default on a month-to-month basis, which also detects under-reporting, evasion and possible new coverages. The coverage of establishments has increased and with the increase in detection of defaults, along with the increase of arrears, the amount recovered has also increased.

The number of covered establishments for the last five years are as under:—

Year	No. of covered Estts.
1997-1998	2,99,204
1998-1999	3,18,430
1999-2000	3,26,541
2000-2001	3,40,013
*2001-2002	*3,57,757

The use of new software (CCTS) has resulted in detection of more defaults and also in recovery of more arrears. The details for the last five years are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Arrears	Amount recovered
1997-1998	657.62	193.65
1998-1999	732.10	158.92
1999-2000	1684.63	626.33
2000-2001	1981.08	796.98
2001-2002	*2194.77	*858.53

*Provisional figures

(c) and (d) To provide better service and to protect the interest of the members, an Information Technology enabled system has been launched. The new system will use the limited enforcement

machinery optimally to reduce the rigors of intrusive and indiscriminate inspections. Further necessary legal and penal action is also taken against the employers who default in payment of dues in time.

Affairs of EPF organisation

4603. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posting and transfer of officers has became a trade/business in the EPF organisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even the compassionate appointments are held up for more than six months in cases of sudden demise of the staff of Group C employees; and

(c) if so, the number of cases pending/held up for more than six months and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has formulated a policy for transfer and placement of Gr. 'A' Officers to the stations situated all over India. The transfer policy largely takes into account the criteria of tenure, geographical span of movement, special consideration for husband & wife and for officers on the verge of superannuation and rotation amongst functional areas.

(b) and (c) No proposal for compassionate appointment is pending for more than six months in respect of Group 'C' employees.

Measures to control unemployment

4604. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unemployment in the country has been growing at an alarming rate and frustration has been building up among the unemployed educated youth;